

Get Active



Did you know? Women of all ages who get enough physical activity can reduce their risk of heart disease and cancer — the most common diseases women have to worry about. Men get more physical activity than women. We can change this — let's move!



Women need 2.5 hours of moderate-intensity physical activity every week — about **30 minutes a day**.¹ But fewer than 50% of us are getting enough aerobic activity, and only 20% get enough muscle-strengthening activity.²

Just **30 minutes** of brisk walking a day is enough to **lower your risk of breast cancer**.³



The more exercise you do, the more your risk of early death goes down. Compared with a person who gets just 30 minutes of exercise in a week, someone who gets 30 minutes of exercise 6 days a week lowers their risk of early death by **27%**.⁴

Tips

Try these ideas for fitting more physical activity into your daily routine.

- ✓ Add walking or biking to your commute
- ✓ Take the stairs instead of the elevator
- ✓ Turn on your favorite music and dance



Schedule your well-woman visit

A well-woman visit is a time to see your health care provider to:

- ▶ Discuss family history, family planning, and personal habits, such as alcohol and tobacco use
- ▶ Schedule necessary tests, such as screenings for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and more
- ▶ Set health goals, such as being active and maintaining a healthy weight



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- ▶ Learn more about how to fit physical activity into your daily life at www.health.gov/PAGuidelines.
 - ▶ Learn more about National Women's Health Week at womenshealth.gov/nwhw.



Sources

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